## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PHILIPPIDOT, NANCY HAWKINS and STEVEN AXELMAN, individually and as representatives of eligible Republican Party voters in Suffolk, Nassau and Oueens Counties within New York's Third Congressional District,

Civil Action No.: 16-cv-00859

Plaintiffs,

- against-

NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS: SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS: NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS; BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK: PETER KOSINSKI and DOUGLAS KELLNER, in their official capacities as Commissioners and Co-Chairs of the New York State Board of Elections; ANDREW J. SPANO and GREGORY P. PETERSON, in their official Capacities as Commissioners of the New York State Board of Elections; TODD D. VALENTINE and ROBERT A. BREHM, in their official capacities as Co-Executive Directors of the New York State Board of Elections; and JACK MARTINS,

**DECLARATION OF** LOUIS G. SAVINETTI REPUBLICAN **COMMISSIONER OF** THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY JOHN E. RYAN COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSIONER

Defendants.
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, John E. Ryan, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am Counsel to Louis G. Savenetti, Republican Commissioner of the Nassau County Board of Elections (the "Nassau Board").
- I submit this Declaration in connection with the plaintiffs' application for 2. an Order directing a Republican Party primary election for New York's Third Congressional District.
- 3. As a matter of law, the Board can take no position regarding this application as both Commissioners are in disagreement. Specifically, as to <u>Democratic</u> Commissioner David Gurgerty's assertion that the Nassau Board has the "ability" to conduct a Republican Party primary election, Commissioner Savenetti disagrees. The

time and expense involved in such a belated "primary," together with the illegal truncation of the rights of voters, particularly as to Federal and Military ballots, simply should not occur. See 52 U.S.C. § 20302(a)(8)(A).

4. The Nassau Board has not received any request, nor is it authorized to, waive the requirements of Federal law. As such, the relief sought, both monetary and injunctive, should be denied in all respects.

I declare under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 5th day of August, 2016.

John E. Ryan

Counsel to the Republican Commissioner

Nassau County Board of Elections